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MAY '81 MEETINGS

May 14 - "U.S. Revenue & Match'n Medicine Stamps", a new APS slide show on these unusual stamp issues. Everyone is invited to bring a friend and learn about this corner of the U.S.P.O. Program starts at 8:00pm.

May 28 - "RPA AUCTION NIGHT", This will be a regular auction with a limit of 5 lots plus 1 Donation lot per member. Past RPA Auctions have featured very few donation lots netting the club a few dollars! Please remember RPA auctions do not charge any auction fees to sellers or buyers nor will it at future auctions. Please support the RPA with a few donation lots. Official auction lots are available from the RPA library during RPA meetings.



Stamp sells for \$1 million

A five-cent "Blue Alexandria" stamp on the cover of a love letter mailed to an American girl in 1847 has been sold for \$1 million, the highest price ever paid for a philatelic item, according to auctioneer David Feldman. The cover, also known as the "Blue Boy," was bought Saturday by an unidentified "very well-known European collector" at a closed bid sale organized by Feldman's Geneva, Switzerland-based auction house. The previous world record price for a stamp was \$850,000 paid for a "red 1-cent Guyana" from 1856 at a New York auction almost exactly a year ago.

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Rochester P.O.

The Philatelic Sales Unit is changing its evening hours. During the months of May, June, July, and August 1981 the philatelic evening hours will be on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. The location of the philatelic window is at the Main Rochester P.O., General Mail Facility, 1335 Jefferson Road. This is a special time period for the stamp collector.....

STAMP SHOWS

June 5-7 STAMPEX '81, Sheraton Center Hotel, 123 Queen Street West, TORONTO, CANADA. Hours Fri. & Sat. 10-8, Sun. 10-5. Admission \$1.00. Special show cancel available. Canada Post first day issue during show.



- May 1 USA, American Red Cross 18¢ stamp.
- May 5 USA, Isaiah Thomas 12¢ patriot postal card.
- May 7 USA, George Mason, new 18¢ definitive in the Great American series single stamp.
- May 8 USA, Savings & Loans 18¢ stamp.
- May 14 USA, Wildlife booklet, se-tenant booklet pane of 10 18¢ stamps in the small format like the Windmill booklets.
- May 18 USA, Surrey 18¢ coil, first of the new transportation series.
- May 19 CANADA, Painters, 3 separate issues- Varley 17¢, Fortin 17¢, and Borduas 35¢
- May 21 USA, Space Achievements a set of eight se-tenant 18¢ stamps marking U.S. space achievements, new format sizes.

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May 28 USA, Rachel Carson
17¢ stamp used for
second oz.

June 3 USA, Dr. Charles Drew
35¢ definitive in the
Great American series

The 6¢ Eisenhower stamp of
1970 will be re-issued in
sheet and coil formats
sometime in May. Also the 5¢
Washington coil has be re-
issued, however it is the
new "clean/shaven" type 5¢
coil. It too was released
in April/May. New coil stamps
will not be available to the
general public until stocks
of the "B" coils are used up.



'Captain von Francois' takes three awards at ROPEX '81

The ROPEX '81 grand award, the American Philatelic Society award, and a Rochester Philatelic Association gold award were won by an exhibitor displaying under the pseudonym Captain von Francois.

Having won the grand award, the exhibitor will receive an invitation to participate in the APS Champion of Champions to be held later in the year.

Decisions of the judging panel were announced at the ROPEX banquet held the evening of March 14. The jury consisted of Bernard A. Hennig, George T. Guzzio and Walter J. Orton.

With a felicitations of the jury, the Jacob Legeer award and an RPA gold were presented to Nancy B. Zielinski, RPA president.

The Society of Philatelic Americans research award and an RPA gold went to Otto G. Schaffling.

Two other RPA golds were won by Jean and James Adams, and to Ruth and Gardner Brown.

With the Empire State Postal History Society award went an RPA vermeil to Anton H. Zahm.

Other RPA vermeils were won by Frank Bachenheimer, William H. Emery, Frank E. Preisler, Allan L. Steinhart and Harland F. Stone.

George T. Guzzio, director of the American Topical Association's department of accreditation, announced the winner of the ATA award and an RPA silver to be Morris Raskin.

An RPA silver and the best junior award was garnered by Sheldon Lee Gosline.

Other RPA silvers went to R. Carrington, Douglas N. Clark, Phillips B. Freer, Peter Hendricks, Herman Herst Jr., "Margipoiss," Robert P. Meehan, R.H. Nathaniel, Robert S. Oesch, Paul Rosenberg and Maris Tirums.

The silver-bronze awards were won by Raymond S. Ehrman, "Elbirt, Semaj," Lawrence Moriarty, Andy Rijid Solczanyk, Raymond M. Stone, and Michelle Arce. The latter award was presented in the junior section.

People attending the ROPEX '81 exhibition voted for their choice for the most popular exhibit award, better known as the JHK Enterprises award. This and an RPA bronze were won by Alice J. Johnson.

Next to be announced was the best topical exhibit by an RPA member. This Virginia Gubler award plus an RPA bronze went to Lawrence Moriarty.

Other RPA bronze awards were presented to Peter Hendricks, Rudy Schaelchli, Bernard B. Tonkonow, Arthur C.G. Wood, and R. Karla Zielinski. The latter was awarded in the junior section.

The best exhibit on printed pages, or the Earl P.L. Apfelbaum award, went to an anonymous exhibitor.

After the award winners were announced, it was brought to the attention of the audience that a first-time for ROPEX occurrence had happened. A family representing three generations within a family had won awards at ROPEX '81.

Representing the first generation were Ruth and Gardner Brown; the second generation, Nancy B. Zielinski; and the

third generation, R. Karla Zielinski.

The show's cacheted cover featured the 100th anniversary of the American Red Cross, while the show souvenir card marked the 200th anniversary of the Yorktown campaign.

These items can still be obtained by mail. Cacheted covers are 50 cents each (please specify date desired) or three for \$1.25. All requests for show covers must include a No. 10 addressed, stamped envelope and check or money order payable to ROPEX.

Souvenir cards are still available for \$1.25 mint and/or \$1.50 serviced with the ROPEX '81 show cancel. Souvenir cards are postpaid. All orders must include a check or money order payable to ROPEX.

All items are of a limited printing and are available as long as supply lasts.

Mail orders should be sent to ROPEX '81 Souvenir Cards or ROPEX '81 Cacheted Covers, Box 3806, Brighton Station, Rochester, N.Y. 14610.

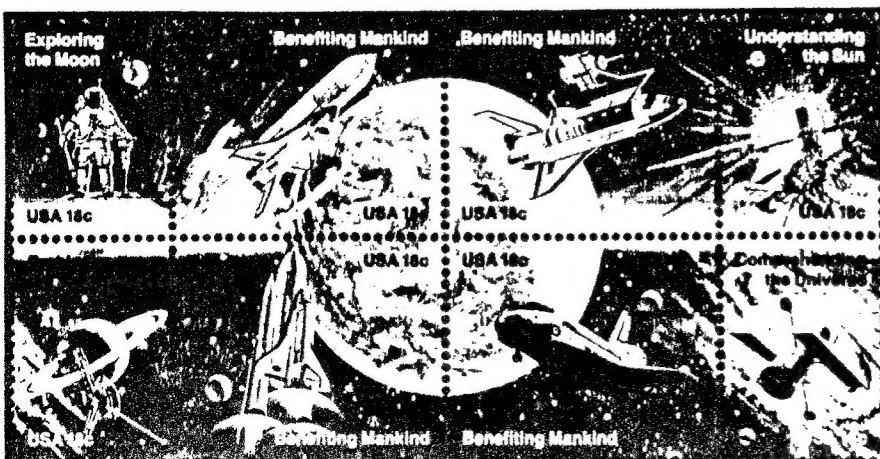


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